

Dear E&T Committee clerk Energy & Tech Comm Energy & Tech Comm,

Dear Senator Needleman, Representative Arconti, and members of the Energy and Technology Committee,

Please advance a Green New Deal for Connecticut by supporting Proposed Bill 5002.

Connecticut is at a crossroads, and has an opportunity to shape a healthier, more equitable, and more vibrant future for its people.

I ask the Committee to fully draft and support Green New Deal legislation that will achieve this vision by:

- Regaining the confidence of small businesses and saving money for working families by restoring the Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy funds and protecting ratepayer funds from future budget raids.
- Rapidly increasing use of solar and offshore wind and ensuring clean energy's benefits are accessible for low and middle income families.
- Upgrading coastal infrastructure to prepare for storms and sea level rise, including use of marshes, dunes, and rain gardens to prevent flooding and buffer waves.
- Making it easier for residents and businesses to adopt zero-emission vehicles, and investing in Connecticut's bus and rail systems. As an owner of an electric car, I'm especially supportive of greatly expanding EV charging stations.
- Generating high-quality employment for tens of thousands of Connecticut residents through a solar jobs training program, infrastructure investments, and community workforce agreements to hire from disadvantaged communities.

We cannot rely on the federal government to take the lead on any of this. We owe it to our residents and future generations to make CT a leader in rapidly transitioning from fossil fuels of all kinds. Climate Change is happening at an alarming rate. These efforts will position CT in a way to be a resilient as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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